

Trinkets From Titanic Sell for Record Prices

Enthusiasts paid record prices when memorabilia from the Titanic were auctioned...

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On Brink of Unity, Europe Pauses to Read Fine Print For Danes, Chance to Render a Verdict For French, a Political Fight Looms

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune COPENHAGEN — When the Danish government decided to print 300,000 copies of the full-archivist text of the Maastricht treaty...

where politicians are widely mistrusted these days. But as the first — and perhaps the only — Europeans who will be asked to vote directly on the new EC treaty...

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune PARIS — Although European unity is popular with voters in France, the nation's politicians are squaring off for a battle over carrying out the concept.

but second thoughts are rife in France and Germany. In both these countries, the governments, counting on traditional pro-European sentiment, negotiated and signed without much public discussion of the treaty's technicalities and implications.

Defiant, Libya Vows To Retaliate as UN Clamps on Sanctions Flight Ban and Diplomatic Measures Enforced in Bid for Pan Am Suspects

By Glenn Frankel Washington Post Service LONDON — Governments across the world, including those of Arab nations, joined Wednesday in carrying out United Nations sanctions against Libya to press Colonel Moammar Gadhafi to turn over two Libyan suspects in the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland.

Two Italian fighter planes were called out to escort a Rome-bound Libyan airliner back to Tripoli, but the plane turned around before the fighters reached it, Rome airport sources told Reuters.



WINNING TEAM — Prime Minister John Major, center, leading a session of his new cabinet in London on Wednesday after the Conservatives' election victory last week.

U.S. Stand on Peru: Principled but Lacking Practicality

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service WASHINGTON — While America's firm stand in support of the restoration of democracy in Peru may be laudable, is it practical?

to a restoration of the impossible status quo. The administration seems to be long on principles for Peru, but short on a clear-cut strategy that Peruvians might adopt to confront their crisis.

Russians Trim Embassy In Kabul as Rebels Gain

KABUL — The Russian Embassy ordered the evacuation of half of its 40-member staff here Wednesday, citing security concerns after a major air base fell to rebels and fighting was reported close to the capital.

Yeltsin Rejects Resignations, Ending Crisis

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin on Wednesday rejected the resignation of his team of radical cabinet members, effectively ending a brief government crisis that threatened Russia with the loss of billions of dollars in foreign aid.

Good Day for Straight-A's Colleges Battle for Best and Brightest

By William Celis 3d New York Times Service PHILADELPHIA — Dan Riches, a high school senior in Waukesha, Wisconsin, is in a difficult spot. A straight-A student, he has been accepted by both the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University and cannot make up his mind.

Galvin Is Expected To Leave NATO Post

BRUSSELS (AP) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is expected to announce soon the retirement of General John R. Galvin as top commander of allied forces in Europe, sources said Wednesday.

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KABUL: Russians Thin Embassy After Rebels Gain

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Russians might try to overrun Kabul... pre-empt a United Nations-sponsored peace plan...

UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, to announce plans for a 15-man neutral council to take office within days...
A UN special envoy, Benon Sevan, who is trying to reach an accord on a neutral council to take power, said in Islamabad that he did not believe his plans had been damaged...



President George Bush greeting well-wishers at an Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens, Michigan, during a campaign stop.

YELTSIN: Legislature Supports Efforts at Reform

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The parliamentary chairman, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, told the Congress that the main purpose of the declaration was to reassure the world that Russia would continue to carry out economic reforms...

billions dollar aid package recently put together by the United States and other industrialized countries...
By threatening to resign, the government effectively made the point that many of the measures proposed by the Congress were impossible to carry out in view of the crisis-ridden state of the Russian economy...

Killing in Enclave Is Called Accident

(The Associated Press)
The leader of the separatist enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh was killed in an accidental shooting, local government investigators said Wednesday, according to ITAR-Tass...
The incident occurred on Tuesday in the enclave's capital, Stepanakert, when an 18-year-old soldier shot his superior, the chairman of the enclave's parliament...

With UN Sanctions, Profiteers Perk Up

(By Chris Hedges)
VALLETTA, Malta — John Portelli, one of the directors of Virtu Ferries, is preparing for the windfall he expects from United Nations sanctions against Libya...
He and his partners, who rent large vessels, plan to begin a shuttle service five days a week between Tripoli and Valletta. The vessels can carry 330 people, allowing visitors and Libyans alike to evade the air embargo and travel to and from the Libyan capital...

LIBYA: Sanctions Begin

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The Libyans who agreed to appear before television cameras expressed support for Colonel Gadhafi's defiance of the Security Council. But behind the scenes, reporters said many expressed deep anger about Libya's isolation, which comes as the country had been opening up commercially. They said that they hoped Colonel Gadhafi would back down and deliver up the two men...
Stiff analysts said it would be difficult for the colonel to hand the men over because of the impact of such a gesture on his own ruling clan...
To yield up the pair would have been to show his insiders that loyalty does not pay, to strip away the aura of invincibility his regime enjoys and to persuade the disparate and ineffectual emigre opposition — already encouraged by the Lockerbie affair — that their hour may at last be at hand...
Hirst, a veteran commentator on the Arab world, in the Guardian newspaper...
Relatives of American victims of the Lockerbie bombing expressed support for the sanctions, but some British relatives were skeptical. Pamela Dix, whose brother died in the bombing, told BBC Radio that the measures could only further harm the search for the real killers...
As they stand right now the sanctions can only be symbolic, she said. She said she would serve any useful purpose in themselves other than possibly to frighten innocent people in Libya...
The UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, speaking during a visit to Beijing, said he would continue efforts to find a solution but ruled out any compromise...
There are about 5,000 Britons, 500 to 1,000 Americans and 250 Frenchmen among the estimated 1 million foreigners in Libya. Many have decided to remain in the country despite the prospect of sanctions. Although others have faced delays in obtaining exit visas, diplomats say there has been no concerted official campaign to force them to stay...
Egyptian officials have already arranged with the Libyans to take passengers from airports along their common border. Under the agreement, the Libyans will fly passengers to Tobruk, 90 miles from the Egyptian border. The passengers will then take shuttle buses to the town of Sidi Barrani, 45 miles east of the border and be flown on to Cairo or other points within Egypt...
Egyptian officials have agreed to hire some Libyan Arab Airline employees during the embargo...
The Maltese will supplement the one large Libyan passenger vessel that runs about once a week with five new ferries, nearly tripling the number of seats available to those who want to travel five hours in a catamaran, or nine hours in a passenger boat...
Before the sanctions began, Libyan Arab Airline officials were busy issuing tickets for flights before the deadline. "I have not received any orders to stop issuing tickets," said a Libyan air official in Cairo. "I can still issue tickets. The flights are the same."

Mandela Offers Thanks to Jews

(The Associated Press)
JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela on Wednesday thanked Jews for helping the black liberation movement. In a Passover message, the African National Congress president said the biblical story of Moses leading the Jews from Egyptian slavery inspired black South Africans today...
As a movement, the ANC recognizes the particularly outstanding contribution that the South African Jewish community has made to the struggle for freedom and social justice, Mr. Mandela said...
The statement appeared aimed at reconciling Mr. Mandela with Jews, who strongly oppose his continued support for the Palestine Liberation Organization's call for a homeland...

PERU: Is American Support for Democracy Practical?

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they are faced jointly, with a comprehensive strategy for both. Peru will fail, according to Robert A. Pastor, an expert on Latin America at Emory University in Atlanta...
The first problem is the restoration of a constitutionally accountable government, Mr. Pastor said. "I agree with Baker, you cannot address the problems of the Shining Path guerrillas, the drugs and the corruption, unless you have domestic and international legitimacy. But simply restoring the democratic status quo will not work because it is not working before."...
The American strategy has stressed why Mr. Fujimori will fail if he does not restore democracy, but it has not indicated clearly enough how he could succeed if he does, and what if anything the United States, Japan and the Orga-

Swiss Crime at Record High

(The Associated Press)
BERN — Crime and drug deaths in Switzerland reached all-time highs last year, the government said...
The statistics show a 14 percent increase in total crime over 1990, with a 25 percent increase in drug-related offenses...
The government is considering tighter controls on the sale of firearms and a ban on the sale of military equipment. But it will not touch Libya's oil exports, which produce most of the country's revenue...
Western diplomats said they would like to see oil exports prohibited, in perhaps a second phase of the sanctions, if the current measures fail to persuade the Libyans to comply with the demands...
Egyptian diplomats, who have worked over the last two years to soften the edges of Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, now say they have given up hope. "He shows no sign of understanding or trying to deal with what is going on," one Egyptian said...
But while most of Libya's Arab neighbors have agreed to abide by the sanctions, they have also been setting up alternatives to help Libyans find other ways to get abroad...
The Egyptians and the Tunisians have said they will increase the number of bus runs from Tripoli to Cairo and Tunis and are preparing smaller aircraft to accommodate an influx of Libyan passengers...
It takes 12 hours to drive between Tripoli and Tunis and 40 hours to drive between Tripoli and Cairo. Flights to Libya may be diverted to southern Tunisia, with passengers landing on the tourist island of Djerba, 120 miles (200 kilometers) from Tripoli, or at Sfax, farther north...

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The Rafsanjani Victory: Double-Edged

(By Elaine Sciolino)
TEHRAN — President Hashemi Rafsanjani is emerging from Iran's parliamentary elections with both a strong mandate to rebuild the country and the toughest challenge of his political career...
If the final outcome of the elections reflects what appears to be an overwhelming victory for his followers, Mr. Rafsanjani will be hard-pressed to come up with another bogymen to blame for Iran's problems...
For the first time in the country's 13-year-old revolution, there will be no outside force to blame for the absence of prosperity — not the policies of the shah's regime, not the turmoil of its overthrow, not the eight-year war with Iraq, not the obstreperous parliament dominated by revolutionary purists. If the president tries to find new enemies, a restless population just may not believe him...
Supporters of the clerical leader's policies continued to sweep the polls as the government announced more results from the provinces...
The official Iranian press agency IRNA reported that Mr. Rafsanjani's supporters had won the majority of the 132 seats already decided in the 270-seat legislature...
And while the vote counted in Tehran, Rafsanjani supporters continued to hold the lead in 29 of his 30 seats, according to the Interior Ministry...
Even in Khomeini, the village in central Iran where Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the former spiritual leader, was born, a medical doctor who ran as an independent received the most votes...
Iranians and the outside world both have high expectations of Mr. Rafsanjani and are eager to see what will result from his drive for economic change and closer ties with the West, now that he seems assured of support from a clear majority in parliament. But his plans will take time to carry out, while the country is expecting results right away...
He is likely to continue with a very careful policy, said a diplomat in Tehran. "But he's dealing with public opinion that is expecting miracles."...
The nation's five-year plan, which continues until 1996, is based on \$20 billion in outside investment. But to attract foreign investors, the Iranian cleric must persuade the Council of Guardians, a supervisory body of 12 Islamic jurists, to rewrite and reinterpret clauses in the constitution so that ministries can give written guarantees to companies willing to pour money into Iran...
To attract international loans, he will have to make rational the country's various exchange rates...
Mr. Rafsanjani will have to ease his people slowly away from government subsidies of some foods and the country's top bazaar merchants and government contractors away from favorable but false exchange rates. He once said that without government help, the price of bread would go up 50 times, a move that would turn the loud grumbling of the poor and middle classes into outright protests...
Conscious that the priority for his people is their economic well-being, the president is spending much of his time giving pep talks as he visits factories, hospitals and building projects...
Mr. Rafsanjani will also have to decide how quickly to move toward political and social liberalization...
In a dramatic gesture of goodwill, the government has reportedly freed eight members of a banned group aligned with Mehdi Bazargan, the first prime minister after the Islamic revolution toppled the shah in 1979. The eight were arrested in June 1990 for having written an "open letter" criticizing the "tyranny of the regime" but were granted amnesty in honor of the recent Iranian New Year...
But there are opposite indications as well. The Baha'i international community announced last week that last month the government arrested and secretly executed a leading member of the Baha'i faith, which the Islamic republic regards as a heretical sect...
The West is looking forward to a more moderate direction in Tehran's foreign policy, in particular an end to acts of terrorism against perceived enemies abroad...
Mr. Rafsanjani's government has already tried to assume a more mature role as a regional power, according to his aides, who point to the country's neutrality in the Gulf War and its mediation between Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan as examples of its even-handedness...

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LIBYA:

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Sullivan said it would be difficult for the colonel to back down ever because of the impact such a gesture on his own status.
 To hold up the pair would be to show his insiders that he does not pay to strip away the aura of inviolability his regime and to perpetuate the domestic and international outrage — already encouraged by the last military assault — that their honor must be at hand. Sullivan wrote for the Arab World, in the Canadian newspaper.
 Relatives of American victims of the Lockerbie bombing expressed support for the sanctions. In one case, British resident was the father of Pamela Dy, whose brother died in the bombing. He told BBC Radio the measure could only bring harm to the country, for the real target was the people.
 "As they stand right now, sanctions can only be symbolic and serve no useful purpose in the solution of this problem," he said.
 The UN secretary-general, Javier Perez Cuellar, speaking during a visit to Beijing, said he would continue efforts to find a solution but ruled out any compromise.
 There are about 2,000 Americans and 500 to 1,000 Libyans in the Mediterranean among the estimated 100,000 foreigners in Libya. Many have decided to remain in the country despite the prospect of sanctions. Although others have the delays and remaining civil unrest, some say there has been no serious effort to campaign to help them.

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Swiss Crime at Record High

BERNE — Crime and drug trafficking in Switzerland reached a record high in 1991, the government said.

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In a country where the state of Israel is a reality, the Jewish community has reported a record high in the number of Jewish members of a local group, the Jewish Community Center. The group is a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services to the Jewish community, including religious, educational, and social programs. The group's success is attributed to the leadership of its members and the support of the wider community.

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IN BRIEF

World's Biggest Telescope Installed on Hawaiian Peak

ATOP MAUNA KEA, Hawaii (AP) — The installation of the world's largest telescope, which scientists say will provide new views of how stars, galaxies and the universe itself evolves, has been completed.

The last of 36 half-ton hexagonal segments was lowered into place Tuesday at the W. M. Keck Observatory at the 13,600-foot (4,080-meter) summit of the dormant Mauna Kea volcano on Hawaii Island. Together the segments form a 10-meter mirror surface.

The new telescope has four times the power of the Hale Telescope on Mount Palomar in California, which has been astronomy's preeminent telescope. Computers will monitor the mirror and control devices capable of nudging each segment less than a millimeter of an inch will keep the telescope in focus and compensate for distortion.

Bare Madagascan Primate Is Born in U.S. Captivity

WASHINGTON (WP) — An eye-aye — the world's rarest, strangest and least known primate — has been born in captivity outside its native Madagascar, the first ever since.

Scientists at the Duke University Primate Center said it occurred at the center on April 5.

The unexpected appearance of the 5-ounce infant offers hope that the animal, long thought to be nearly extinct, can be preserved through a breeding program. "It bodes very well for the future of these animals," said Kenneth Glander, administrative director of the center in Durham, North Carolina, which specializes in primates, the more primitive of the two branches of the primate order.

Adult eye-eyes, which are about the size of a house cat, have the huge, naked ears of a bat, the continuously growing, chisel-like front teeth of a beaver and the long, arching, hairy tail of an anteater. They also have extremely long middle fingers on their hands that they use to probe holes in tree bark for insects and to extract cocoon meat through the soft "eye."

The infant probably was not bred in captivity. Its mother was captured in the wild last December and scientists suspect she was two or three weeks pregnant then. The exact gestation period of eye-eyes, however, is unknown.

Hepatitis B Infection Cited As a Threat to Dentists

WASHINGTON (WP) — Dentists who are afraid of treating patients infected with the AIDS virus, an Alabama study suggests, often overlook the risk posed by the hepatitis B virus.

Yet a dentist is 57 times more likely to become infected by a patient with hepatitis B than by a patient with HIV, which causes AIDS, according to researchers of the University of Alabama School of Public Health and the Harvard School of Public Health.

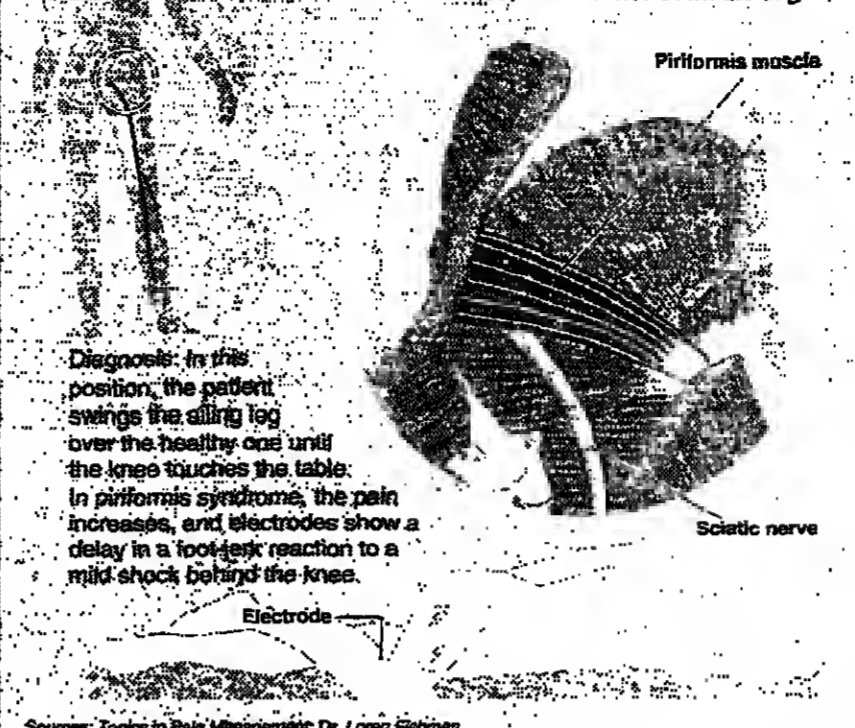
Hepatitis B virus is not only more prevalent but more easily transmitted than the AIDS virus, the researchers said. The risk of dying from hepatitis B, while very low, is about 1.7 greater than the risk of becoming infected with the universally fatal AIDS virus.

Only 31 percent of dentists in a 1990 survey said they would knowingly treat HIV-infected patients, but 73 percent said they would treat patients with hepatitis B. A vaccine against hepatitis B is available, but only 40 percent of dentists in the survey had been immunized.

HEALTH / SCIENCE

Finding a Muscular Culprit in Pain

In some cases of sciatica, the piriformis muscle, deep in the buttocks, compresses the sciatic nerve, which runs down the lower spine to the calf. The result is severe pain, typically in the upper buttock on one side, that radiates down the thigh.



Source: Topics in Pain Management, Dr. Loren Fishman

Sciatica: New Findings On Old Source of Pain

A Little-Used Muscle Is Often the Cause

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

NEW YORK — When consulted by a patient with crippling back pain that radiates down the leg, a doctor's first thought is that a protruding disk in the lower spine may be pressing on the sciatic nerve. And very often, that is indeed the cause of the pain popularly called sciatica.

But not always. As some experts have discovered, at least one in five cases of sciatica is caused, not by a herniated disk or muscle spasm in the back, but by a little-known muscle — the piriformis — deep in the buttock. Normally, the muscle helps turn the hip out and raise the leg to the side.

Under a variety of circumstances, the piriformis muscle can entrap the sciatic nerve, which runs from the lower spine down the back of the leg all the way to the back of the lower calf. When the entrapped nerve is compressed or irritated, the result can be searing debilitating pain that can interfere with work or play.

Piriformis syndrome, as the disorder is called, can happen to almost anyone — a 40-year-old man who played tennis, a 72-year-old golfer, a 31-year-old woman who shoveled snow, a masseuse, a yoga enthusiast, an obese woman with a sedentary job, a scrawny schoolboy who sat on a hard chair, a woman with one leg shorter than the other, a man who missed a step and caught himself just before falling, a woman who did fall downstairs only to rear fall.

According to Dr. Loren M. Fishman, a rehabilitation medicine specialist at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in New York, many patients are plagued for months or years with the pain of piriformis syndrome that is misdiagnosed and therefore improperly treated.

In addition to being mistaken for spinal disk disease, the syndrome may be confused with gynecological, gastrointestinal or other problems in the pelvic region.

Unless the examining physician thinks at the outset that piriformis syndrome could be the cause of the patient's discomfort, costly and unnecessary tests may be ordered, including CAT scans and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging).

Dr. Fishman and others have shown that piriformis syndrome can be diagnosed on the basis of a good medical history and clinical examination, supplemented by an electronic test that measures the speed of messages transmitted through the sciatic nerve.

Patients typically have a pain in the upper buttock (usually only on one side) that radiates down the thigh and sometimes to the lower leg.

Tough Controls Urged on Court Use of DNA

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The chairman of a National Academy of Sciences panel studying the forensic technique of DNA fingerprinting has asserted that laboratories analyzing DNA should be held to higher standards.

DNA fingerprinting, also known as DNA typing, is a method of identifying individuals from a tiny sample of their genetic material. Since hair, semen and other body tissues are often available at the scenes of crimes, DNA typing is a useful and powerful method of identifying the DNA of such cells to a suspect's DNA, and also of clearing a person of suspicion in the event of a mismatch.

The academy panel endorsed the general reliability of using DNA typing in forensic science, saying that the method, when performed properly, can be invaluable in solving crimes.

But it also called for very strict standards to be met to assure that the technique is performed properly in crime laboratories and that its results are accurate. The panel urged that scientists should set the standards. It is not reasonable, the committee said, to expect judges and jurors to weigh and evaluate complex technical arguments over whether a laboratory's test results are reliable.

The academy report recommends that laboratories undertaking DNA analyses meet a high set of specified standards and submit to accreditation by a group independent of the Justice Department.

But at a press conference in Washington on Tuesday, the panel chairman, Dr. Victor A. McKusick, a geneticist at John Hopkins Uni-

versity in Baltimore, said "We think that DNA can be used in court without interruption."

Another panel member, Dr. Thomas Marr, a molecular geneticist at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, said his understanding was that the committee did not mean to call for a moratorium. But he said he believed that no laboratory, including the FBI's, currently complied with the standards recommended by the committee and therefore that an effective moratorium was implied.

Several law professors who study science in the courtroom said that in their view these recommendations were tantamount to saying that DNA evidence should not be admissible at this time.

Dena Neufeld, a defense lawyer who handles DNA cases, agreed, saying "There's no question that it says that."

But Dr. McKusick disagreed with this interpretation, dismissing it as "nipping."

Dr. Marr said he simply did not realize that the group had written such a strong statement. "I've read the report a million times, and we probably had 50 outside reviewers," yet no one had mentioned the implications of the language of the report, he said.

In the end, it is not the words of the committee chairman but the actual words of the document that will be fought over in court, said Randolph Jonakaitis, a New York University law professor. "Here you have a disinterested scientific panel, in some sense the only people who have looked at this in a disinterested way," he said, "and they are saying that until quality control systems are in place you shouldn't be sending people to jail based on DNA evidence."

"Certainly, defense lawyers are going to argue that this should be the standard."

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS April 15, 1992. Table listing various international funds with columns for fund name, currency, and price. Includes sections for MAIN INTERNATIONAL FUNDS, SPECIAL INVESTMENT FUNDS, and OTHER FUNDS.

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Milosevic Should Go

Slobodan Milosevic, strongman of Serbia and wrecker of Yugoslavia, may not be as ruthless and reckless as Saddam Hussein, but his aggression against the newly independent republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina has become just as blatant — and it just as urgently requires a stern response. Unless the international community acts against him now, thousands may die.

Afghanistan's Turn

The last and hardest of the Cold War wars, in Afghanistan, is finally coming within range of political solution. As elsewhere, the two superpowers gave up the great game of pursuing their own interest and prestige and turned the wreckage over to the United Nations.

Calamity in Chicago

Chicago, which has known the wrath of ice, wind and fire, now knows something about flooding waters. What began as a leak in a tunnel running under the Chicago River became a torrent and then a deluge, inundating basements of office buildings and forcing the country's third largest city to close its blacked-out central business district.

Other Comment

Mickey Better Watch Out
Since Henry James at least, the encounter of America and Europe has been the archetypal encounter of innocence and experience. The turn-of-the-century Bostonian emigré created in the novel "Daisy Miller" an American ingénue whose innocence baffles the Parisians because it seems to be not a way station on the route to experience but a terminal condition.

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Let's Take Another, Longer Look at China

By Robert W. Barnett

WASHINGTON — Something tantamount to theological certainty is being argued among Americans over George Bush's refusal to place conditions on most-favored-nation treatment of China's trade with the United States.

Time Passes for Hong Kong and Still Bush Waits

By Andrew B. Brick

WASHINGTON — Hong Kong has in many ways become a vital cultural and economic outpost for the United States in Asia. It is the 13th largest market for American goods, absorbing products worth \$7 billion in 1992.

Regional China Cards, to Play Warily

By Gerald Segal

LONDON — The people of Hong Kong will be cheered by the Conservative Party's election victory in Britain. Doubt has been dispelled about British immigration plans for the colony, and uncertainty about a new governor will soon be ended.

What Did You Do in the Cold War?

By Donald Koblitz

BERLIN — The German people have a penchant for introspection. Their history in this century has given them lots of opportunity to practice.

Last month he was arrested and charged with blackmail. He spent several weeks in "investigatory detention." Thirty or so people of the tens of thousands who were freed through his efforts came forward to press charges because they were forced to sell property for laughable sums as the price of their freedom.

New Ways Take Hold In India

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI — The road to a free market economy in India will be arduous, but already the benefits of reform are showing. Equally important is a change in the attitude of the Indian business community.

Regional China Cards, to Play Warily

Chinese rule in 1997 will lead to China's disintegration. But there is cause for concern about how Hong Kong and other states might deal with the challenge of Chinese regionalism.

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As Guangdong Province is encouraged to forge links with Hong Kong, and Fujian thickens its ties with Taiwan, these regions may grow more autonomous and resentful of interference from Beijing.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Debutante Display

LONDON — There are an unusual number of debutantes this year. Lady Ulrica Duncombe means to shed more lustre on the house of Beverham, already famous on account of the beauty of the Duchess of Lennox.

1917: Delay by China

LONDON — The correspondent of the Morning Post at Shanghai cables that the delay of the Chinese government in following the example of the United States in declaring war against Germany is due to the necessity of obtaining the support of the

1942: Leaving France

LYONS — [From our New York edition] Many Americans were preparing for long, its durability has been established because of increasingly wide support for economic reform.

NYSE

Wednesday's Closing
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

Financial market data table with columns: Symbol, High, Low, Bid, Ask, Net, Volume, Last. Includes sub-sections for 'NYSE', 'NASDAQ', and 'AMER. STOCK EXCH.' listing various stocks and their prices.

FRENCH: Maastricht Turmoil

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the Maastricht treaties that allows EC citizens to vote in local elections wherever they live in the Community. The extreme right contends that change is a dangerous precedent that might lead to more political rights for France's substantial immigrant community of North African Muslims.

The debate is occurring in a national mood of pessimism and apathy about political initiatives — a mood that predisposes many French people to see the projected "super EC" as a front for expanded German power.

"We are set for an extraordinarily negative polemic, liable to mar the fresh national impetus of the leap into Europe," a conservative political adviser said.

While helping devise arguments against the Maastricht deal, the adviser acknowledges privately that the opposition is motivated by personal political ambitions, not a realistic alternative vision of a future Europe.

But Mr. Mitterrand, too, has helped provoke political static by landing the EC treaties alone and by refusing to lay the groundwork with other parties to smooth ratification. This tactic may help divide the president's opposition but

could damage France's credibility with its EC partners.

Government opinion polls show French people still supporting closer European integration by nearly a two-thirds majority.

But French opponents of Maastricht voice a gamut of worries. The National Front objects to what it sees as an internationalization of France. The Communist Party complains that Paris will no longer be able to protect jobs. Industrialists fear an open market. Greens oppose what they see as a Europe of technological progress at any cost.

The only allies of Mr. Mitterrand and his Socialist followers are former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his center-right party.

Mr. Chirac's party, which might be able to muster a blocking vote in the French Senate, is focusing its objections on constitutional changes needed to clear the way for ratification of the Maastricht treaties.

This technical argument, a Chirac aide said, is that "the British have an out and the Germans have given themselves a hedge by saying that they will have a final parliamentary consultation."

The aide added, "France should get at least as much as the Germans."

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Great French Love: Dining Out Often

The French dine out about three times a week and spend almost 20 percent of their food budgets in restaurants and cafés, according to a study by the French National Statistics Institute.

The state-run agency said that in 1969 French people had, on average, 1.9 meals outside their homes each week. According to new calculations, that figure has risen to 2.8 overall, and to 5 for those aged between 18 and 25.

Since the 1960s, the French have cut back on their consumption of potatoes and cheap wine but stepped up their intake of cheese and yogurt.

But the quickening pace of life has left less time for cooking gastronomic delicacies. French people eat five times more frozen convenience foods than they did in 1979.

EC to Aid Sanctuary For Birds in Spain

The European Community is to help finance a plan for the environmental conservation of Spain's Doñana National Park. Europe's biggest sanctuary for migratory birds, according to EC officials.

The EC regional development commissioner, Bruce Mil-lan, discussed the issue this week with Manuel Chaves, who heads the Andalusia regional government, and agreed to help finance a plan to develop the area around Doñana in ways that would not harm the environment, an EC official said.

The Doñana park, a 30,730-hectare (125,280-acre) marshland on Spain's southern Atlantic coast, is a sanctuary for 125 species of migratory birds.

The project would encourage high-quality "ecological" tourism, such as bird-watching vacations. It would replace rice fields, which are said to drain the marshland, with less water-consuming forms of farming. It would also ban the construction of large tourist resorts in the area.

Around Europe

Europe's plastic surgeons said this week that they saw no reason to stop using silicone breast implants despite a U.S. morato-

rium on the implants. "At present there is no scientific evidence to reconsider using these implants," representatives of 12 national European plastic surgery societies said after weekend talks in Amsterdam. The implants — sacs filled with silicone gel — were temporarily withdrawn from the U.S. market Jan. 6 pending a safety review.

Florence officials are investigating whether damage to the Ponte Vecchio, the city's medieval bridge, stems from a decision to route bus services along the banks of the Arno River. Masonry and plaster have fallen off at the north end of the 14th-century bridge, which is laden with jewelry stores. Critics said the damage could have been caused by the 19 bus services that were recently rerouted along roads on the northern bank of the Arno. Some of the bridge's storekeepers say the windows of their boutiques rattle every time a bus passes.

Germany will begin marking its postage stamps on Jan. 1 with the single word "Deutschland" for the first time in its history, replacing the words Deutsche Bundespost, or German Federal Post Office, which Bonn has used since 1949, a Post-Ministry spokesman said. "Stamps usually carry the name of their country, not of an institution," he said, adding that the country's official name, Federal Republic of Germany, was too long to be used on a stamp. German stamps carried the name Deutsches Reich, or German Empire, from unification under Bismarck in 1871 until early in World War II. In the early 1940s, the name Grossdeutsches Reich, or Greater German Empire, appeared on stamps. After Germany was defeated and divided, the West named its stamps after its post office while East Germany marked them with DDR, the German abbreviation for German Democratic Republic.

An Irishman said he dipped his pen in Holy Water before filling in his national lottery ticket to find that he had won 200,000 Irish punts (\$320,000). The man, who did not reveal his name, said he had used different numbers every week but had never won. "Then one evening I dipped my pen into a bottle of Holy Water and marked a selection of random numbers," he said when collecting his prize in Dublin this week.

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Apple	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00
Oracle	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sun	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Lucent	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Motorola	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Intel	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Advanced Micro Devices	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
ATI	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
3Com	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Perceptics	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Conquest	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
WorldCom	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Global Crossing	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Optical Cable	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Telefonos de Mexico	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Telefonos de Colombia	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Telefonos de Peru	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Telefonos de Venezuela	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Telefonos de Argentina	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Telefonos de Chile	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Telefonos de Ecuador	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Telefonos de Uruguay	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
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Telefonos de Bolivia	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Telefonos de Cuba	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
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Telefonos de Argentina (ADR)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Telefonos de Chile (ADR)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Telefonos de Ecuador (ADR)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Telefonos de Uruguay (ADR)	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
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Treaty Tongue Tangle

One of the five principal goals of European union, the Maastricht agreement states, is:

"To maintain in full the *acquis communautaire* and build on it with a view to considering through the procedure referred to in Article W 2 to what extent the policies and forms of co-operation introduced by this Treaty may need to be revised with the aim of ensuring the effectiveness and mechanisms and the Institutions of the Community."

To help improve European road and rail projects, the treaty states that the EC:

"May support the financial efforts made by the Member States for projects of common interest financed by Member States, which are identified in the framework of the guidelines referred to in the first indent, particularly through feasibility studies, loan guarantees or interest rate subsidies; the Community may also contribute financially through the Cohesion Fund to be set up no later than 31.12.1993 pursuant to the provisions of Article 130 D, to specific projects in Member States in the area of transport infrastructure."

DANES: Rendering Their Verdict

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welfare state and Denmark's affluent, close-knit society.

"We attach much more importance to preserving our freedom to go our own way," said Niels Meyer, a physics professor who is one of the leaders of the grassroots Maastricht opposition group known as Europe 92. "Here, money hasn't overruled democracy. We don't want a Europe run by central bankers."

In response, Danish leaders are making the case to the public that Denmark cannot afford to turn its back on the European Community.

"As a small country, our only hope is to be an active participant at the European table," said Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's foreign minister. "Otherwise, we risk being squeezed out of the larger Europe that is taking shape today."

The single biggest party in Denmark, the out-of-power Social Democratic Party, fought hard against Danish acceptance of the 1986 act that created the European single market. It remains uneasy about any moves to bring Denmark into the defense-oriented Western European Union, which is developing stronger ties to the Community.

Nonetheless, the party's leaders, despite a current 2-to-1 opposition among its voters, now line up solidly behind the new European treaty. They see the Maastricht agreement, with its expanded authority for Brussels to adopt stiffer environmental standards and minimum social benefits, as a way of spreading Scandinavian traditions to the rest of Europe.

"Instead of bringing us down to European levels, Maastricht will give us the opportunity to work to improve things most Danes believe in," said Ralf Pihelkow, international secretary of the Social Democrats.

In theory, the Maastricht agreement must be ratified by all 12 EC nations before it can go into effect next year. But in practice, if Denmark is the only country to disapprove, it is inconceivable that the other nations would let 5 million Danes stand in the way of the other 340 million.

"Nobody is going to kick us out of the EC," Mr. Ellemann-Jensen said. "But to expect the others to renegotiate is nonsense. We'll still be in the room, but they will move all the important new decisions to another room."

Despite continuing doubts, the tide appears to be slowly turning in Denmark toward acceptance of the treaty.

Part of the reason for the initial Danish backlash was an early slapstick campaign by the government that would probably have made the Marx Brothers proud.

Prime Minister Poul Schluter kicked off the drive, for example, by making a speech arguing that Danes, who prize their democratic rights, really had no choice but to accept the Maastricht treaty.

Charlotte Fuelsang, who handles EC affairs for the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions, explains what happened: "People felt pushed, and when they feel they are being pushed, they push back."

Then the Social Democrats insisted on an early referendum rather than the September date initially suggested by the right-of-center coalition government. But as soon as the government accepted their June 2 date, the Social Democrats launched a rancorous internal

Prague Changes Electoral Laws

PRAGUE — The Czechoslovak parliament, acting a day after President Vaclav Havel announced he would seek a second term, changed the rules on Wednesday for presidential elections to avoid any potential deadlocks.

Under present law, the 300-seat Federal Assembly elects the president with a minimum three-fifths majority. The new rules would allow the assembly to choose the president by a simple majority in a second ballot if no candidate wins the first round, the official CSTK news agency said. The amendment was apparently an effort to prevent a deadlock when lawmakers vote for a president after national elections June 5.

Under the present law, parliament must choose a president within 40 days of the elections. The amended law, more specific, says that if a first-round vote fails to produce a clear winner, a second ballot must follow within two weeks. If lawmakers still fail to agree on one candidate, new candidates must be found for a new round of voting.

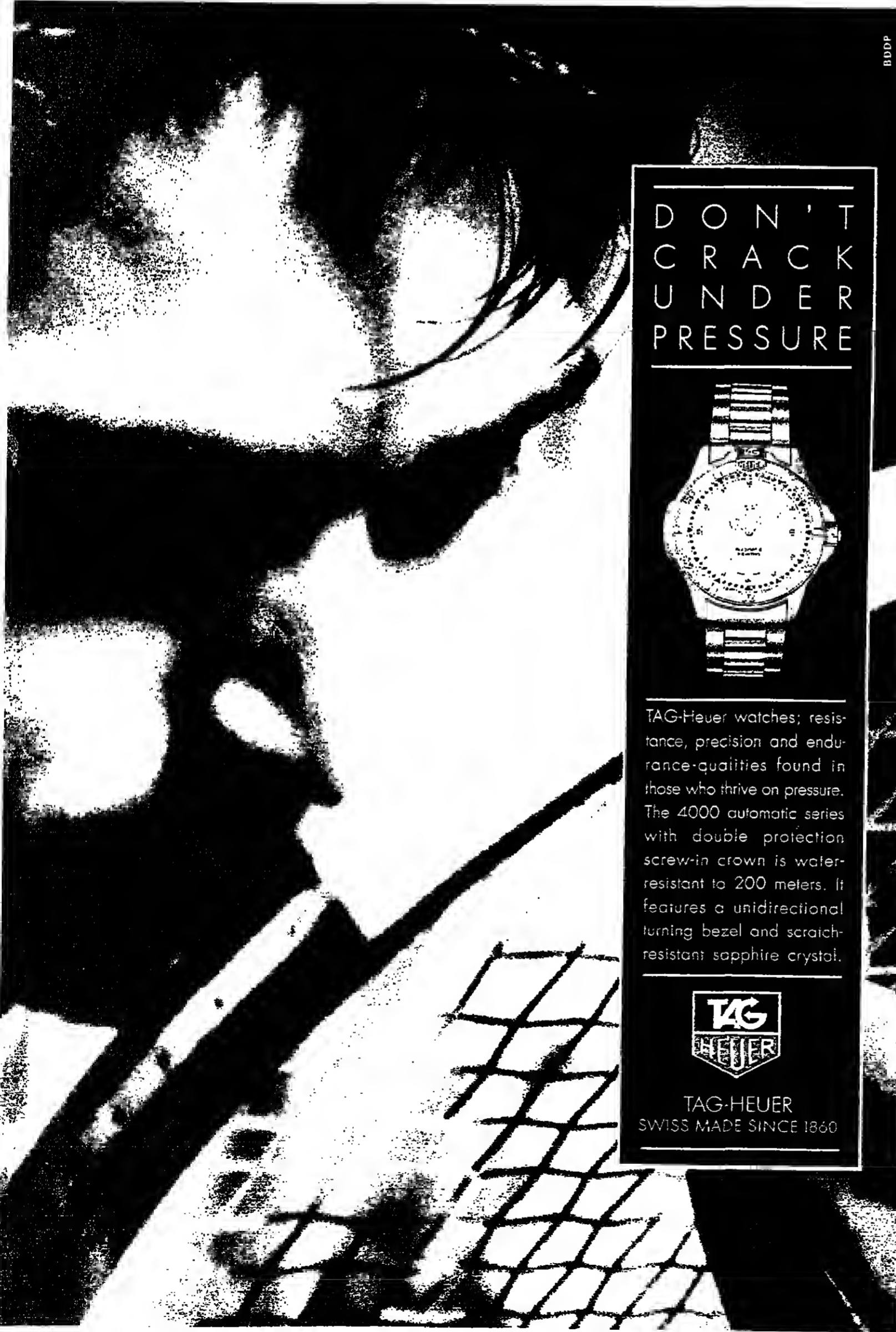
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Wednesday's Closing
Tables include the nationwide prices up to
the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect
late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
IBM	110 3/4	109 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4	+ 1/4
Microsoft	54 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/2	54 1/4	+ 1/4
Apple	48 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/2	48 1/4	+ 1/4
Oracle	58 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/2	58 1/4	+ 1/4
Sun	48 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/2	48 1/4	+ 1/4
Lotus	25 1/2	24 3/4	24 3/4	25 1/4	+ 1/4
Novell	41 1/2	40 3/4	40 3/4	41 1/4	+ 1/4
McAfee	24 1/2	23 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/4	+ 1/4
Perceptics	32 1/2	31 3/4	31 3/4	32 1/4	+ 1/4
Parsons	21 1/2	20 3/4	20 3/4	21 1/4	+ 1/4
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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER
Shake-Up at World Bank,
But Where's the Vision?

By Keith Bradsher
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The former commercial banker who now heads the World Bank has brought corporate American management practices to the international lending agency, revamping its vast and highly paid bureaucracy. So far, he has forgone his predecessors' role in setting economic development priorities around the globe.

The changes have concentrated power over the organization in Lewis Preston's hands.

Other than some internal reorganization, I don't get the feeling he has left any personal impact, said Richard E. Feinberg, an economist who has written a book about the World Bank and is now president of Inter-American Dialogue, a nonprofit research group on economic development in the Western Hemisphere.

LESS THAN three weeks after taking office last year, Mr. Preston said he was eliminating the top level of the bank's management, three longtime senior vice presidents who had run competing bureaucratic baronies. He replaced them with three managing directors, who hold advisory positions, and ordered the bank's 16 vice presidents to report directly to him.

Coupled with the mass transfers of executive officials to lending jobs, the change concentrated power over the 6,000 employee organization in Mr. Preston's hands. He said that he planned on more dramatic personnel shuffles and expressed little sympathy for the 240 executives he had transferred.

Written summations of internal meetings, including lists of the conclusions reached, are now sometimes drafted by committee chairmen and circulated within the bank without being shown first to all the participants.

Mr. Preston's admirers within the bank say he has prevailed over a bureaucracy that has resisted change since the days of Robert S. McNamara, the former defense secretary who headed the institution from 1968 to 1981.

The reorganization is unblocking the arteries and is leading to more nimble operations because of greater autonomy for operations managers, another official said. Over time that will make the bank more effective.

CURRENCY RATES

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Other Dollar Values

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Forward Rates

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Caterpillar Keeps Out Union Despite Agreement

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

CHICAGO — Union members trying to return to their jobs at Caterpillar Inc. plants on Wednesday after negotiating an end to a five-month work stoppage...

strikers should return to their jobs while contract talks proceeded.

But at Aurora, Illinois, 2,100 returning strikers found their electronic security cards failed to open building doors, the union said.

"Before the wounds even heal, they'll stab you again," said George King, an Aurora assembly worker and machinist for 19 years.

About 12,000 UAW members have been on strike at plants in Illinois since Nov. 3, in what has been cast as a showdown in organized labor's effort to remain a factor in the U.S. workplace.

but would not call the employees back immediately.

The company's president, Gerald Flaherty, said, "Due to time needed to further assess our manpower needs and to resume orderly operations, striking employees should not report to work until notified by the company."

'Pretty much everybody showed up to go back to work today. They just stopped us from coming in.'

Bill Harmonson, a 22-year Caterpillar veteran.

American's Fare Cuts May Ground Rivals

By Peter Passell
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — American Airlines' bold move to simplify fares and slash the margins between discounted and unrestricted seats is winning applause from both business travelers and computer-beazy travel agents.

Air France Trims Its Losses

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Air France, the state-owned airline, said Wednesday it narrowed its net loss to 685 million francs (\$122.6 million) last year from 717.2 million francs in 1990, despite a big restructuring charge.

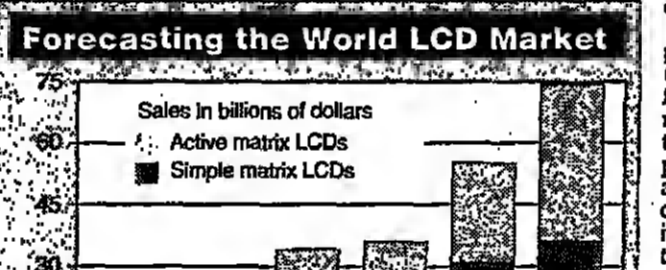
what is widely viewed as a strategic coup by Mr. Crandall.

By eliminating incentives for corporate discounts, virtually all bookings should end up at posted fares. And Mr. Levine of Yale argues that "American does best when all the cards are played face up."

Unequal Screen Pair: IBM and Toshiba

By Steven Brull
International Herald Tribune

HIMEJI, Japan — Like the samurai warriors who deployed huge resources over the centuries to build the castle that lords over this western Japanese city, Japanese companies have invested billions of dollars to forge a commanding position in flat-panel computer displays, a strategic technology.



Simple-matrix LCDs, in contrast, have been around for about 20 years. The displays, used in copiers, calculators, watches and simple laptops, are much less expensive than active-matrix displays but lag far behind the new technology in contrast and clarity.

equal, but it's not so easy," he said.

The biggest problem may be simply that the plant is in Japan. Although researchers and executives from IBM's U.S. operations visit regularly, no Americans work full-time at Display Technologies.

The venture shows how foreign companies can enter markets that Japan dominates.

had the cash and people to go it alone. Yet more important than hoarding and loving its technology, executives say, was the chance to lock in the customer: IBM takes half the plant's output.

Ironically, the active-matrix LCDs being made at Display Technologies and elsewhere grew out of research conducted at RCA and Westinghouse in the 1970s.

Concerned about Japanese dominance, American LCD makers successfully lobbied Washington last autumn to slap 63 percent tariffs on flat-screen imports.

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Strong Earnings Propel Dow To a New High

By Lawrence Malkin
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — Wall Street went on a roll Wednesday on news of better-than-expected blue-chip company profits, but skeptical stock analysts warned that the euphoria over back-to-back record earnings may be short-lived without a strong economic recovery.

Cop. U.S. Steel shares, which climbed \$1 to \$25.87, and International Paper Co., which rose \$4 to \$76.37.

On Wednesday morning, Coca-Cola Co. announced a 19.4 percent increase in earnings, and finished the day \$1.37 1/2 higher at \$83.74.

Powered by four days of gains that began last week after the U.S. Federal Reserve announced short-term interest rates, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped sharply through Monday and then adding to its gains after a brief slide early in the afternoon.

The index closed at a record of 3,353.76, up 47.63 points on the day. Volume amounted to 228.36 million shares, compared with 230.62 million Tuesday.

CBS Inc., struggling like most networks to return to profit, more than doubled its dividend to \$1.20 a share and rose \$7.50 to \$185.50.

Mr. Metz said: "What's happening here is that companies are improving profit margins because of greater efficiency, but in most cases they're producing. From here on, any real improvement has to come from the economy itself, and after the first quarter, what's left?"

"When you have a hot tape that ignites the market," said Michael Metz, market strategist at Oppenheimer & Co. He warned that the optimism would end in a bout of profit-taking, clipping the market's gains before too long.

After the Fed moved and the market realized that the recent collapse in Tokyo still left Wall Street standing, first-quarter earnings began exceeding expectations, starting with a good report Monday by Aluminun Co. of America and followed on Tuesday by International Business Machine Corp.'s return to profit.

He added that a slowdown in the rest of the industrialized world's economy would affect U.S. companies in the second quarter, as would the continued slow growth that is forecast by virtually all economists and many business people.

Wall Street also got support from Tokyo stocks. The 225-issue Nikkei index, which rose 202.93 points, or 1.10 percent on Tuesday, added another 508.43 points, or 2.92 percent, closing at 17,948.01.

This news spread buying to such cyclical stocks as General Electric Co., up \$1.12 1/2 to \$77.87 1/2. USX

The Nasdaq index rose 3.22 to 600.03 on strength from such common stock as...

Coca-Cola Net Jumps 19%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. said Wednesday that first-quarter earnings jumped 19.4 percent, and its chairman said the strong results justified his recent award of \$82 million worth of Coca-Cola stock.

Shareholders clearly supported the compensation package for Mr. Goizueta, one of the largest in corporate history. His remarks, which included attacks on the media's reporting about his pay, drew applause at the annual shareholders meeting.

Poland's Pepsi Challenge

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WARSAW — Angry Polish shareholders berated PepsiCo Inc. on Wednesday after the U.S. food and soft drink giant told them it would not declare a dividend for a thriving confectionery company it controls.

PepsiCo said Wed's net profit in 1991 soared 310 percent, to 163 billion zlotys (\$12 million), way above forecasts. But PepsiCo, which bought 40 percent of Wedel and took over management seven months ago, said the chocolate maker would divert profits to capital investments rather than pay a dividend.

Advertisement for CORUM watches, featuring a large image of a watch and text including 'CORUM', 'Maitres Artisans d'Horlogerie', 'SUISSE', and 'The Admiral's Cup - simply one of the most distinctive and elegant sports watches in the world.'

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MARKET DIARY

Stock Surge Helps Bolster the Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar ended higher on Wednesday, bolstered by a weak Deutsche mark, surging U.S. stocks and position-squaring ahead of the Easter weekend.

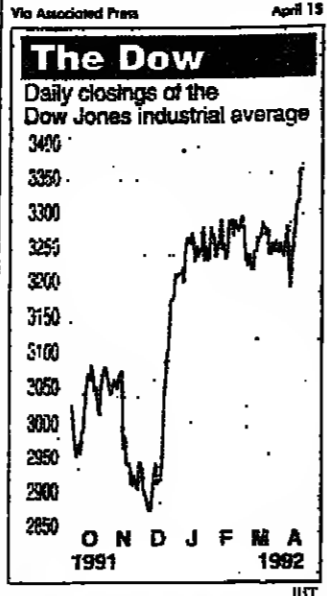
Foreign Exchange

The dollar sentiment has become clearly bullish. "I am dubious about the dollar move," said Tom Benfer of Bank of Montreal, "but there definitely is a strong psychology behind it."

Economic data Wednesday gave further signs of a weak U.S. recovery. The government said industrial production rose only 0.2 percent in March, after a 0.5 percent gain in February.

But strong first-quarter earnings reports at several blue chip companies pushed U.S. stocks higher, aiding the dollar.

The U.S. currency also traded 1.5325 Swiss francs, up from 1.5225, and 5.6220 French francs, up from 5.5995. The pound slipped to \$1.7550 from \$1.7635. Traders said there was intense speculation that Britain and Spain would put their currencies into the narrower 2.25 percent band of the Exchange-Rate Mechanism of the European Monetary System this weekend; the currencies are now in the wider 6 percent band.



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Ford to Buy 50% of U.S. Mazda Plant

DETROIT (Reuters) — Ford Motor Co. said it signed a memorandum of understanding to acquire a 50 percent stake in Mazda Motor Manufacturing Corp., a unit of Mazda Motor Corp.

Masahiro Uchida, president of Mazda Motor Manufacturing, which operates Mazda's manufacturing plant in Flat Rock, Michigan, said Ford's stake would provide added resources and help stabilize production.

Ford said the acquisition would be accomplished through the purchase of newly issued shares. No terms were disclosed. Mazda's initial investment in the plant in 1987 was \$550 million.

Judge Rejects Apple's Microsoft Suit

SEATTLE (Combined Dispatches) — A judge's decision to dismiss the bulk of a \$5 billion patent infringement suit against Microsoft Corp. was lifted a cloud from the company's crucial Windows software, analysts said Wednesday.

Most of the elements remaining in Apple Computer Inc.'s long-running suit against Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard Co. were thrown out in the surprise ruling Tuesday by U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker. A few remaining items will be discussed at a hearing scheduled for May 12, and Judge Walker's rule may be appealed.

Judge Walker chided Apple's lawyers for ignoring requests for a list of similarities between its works and the Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard products in question.

General Dynamics Earnings Up 44%

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia (AP) — General Dynamics Corp. reported a 44 percent gain in first-quarter earnings on continuing operations Wednesday despite cutbacks in Pentagon spending.

The big defense contractor said its operations earned \$72 million, or \$1.71 a share, in the quarter, up from \$50 million, or \$1.20 a share, a year earlier. Sales for both periods totaled \$2.1 billion.

Net profit, including a \$358 million gain on the sale of its Cessna aircraft subsidiary to Textron, jumped to \$435 million from \$57 million.

AT&T Reports 16.6% Profit Rise

DALLAS (Reuters) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Wednesday that a rise in long-distance calling and gains from its Universal credit-card boosted first-quarter net profit by 16.6 percent.

Earnings were \$883 million, or 67 cents a share, up from \$758 million, or 59 cents, a year ago. Revenues rose to \$15.38 billion from \$15.27 billion.

Merck and Upjohn Profits Increase

NEW YORK (AP) — The pharmaceutical giants Merck & Co. and Upjohn Co. reported higher first-quarter profits and sales Wednesday.

Merck said earnings jumped 18 percent to \$568.7 million, or \$1.47 a share, from \$483.5 million, or \$1.25 a share, and it attributed the gains to higher sales, lower tax rates and better marketing. Sales rose 9 percent to \$2.23 billion from \$2.05 billion a year earlier.

Upjohn overcame a 39 percent drop in sales of its controversial sleeping drug, Halcion, to post an increase in profit of 8 percent to \$143.7 million, or 80 cents a share, compared with \$133.2 million, or 73 cents a share, a year ago. Sales rose 9 percent to \$871.9 million.

For the Record

Sprint, the diversified telephone company, reported its first-quarter earnings climbed 62 percent to \$136 million, or 62 cents a share, from \$84 million, or 38 cents a share, a year earlier. (UPI) McGraw-Hill Inc. reported its first-quarter earnings rose 11.6 percent to \$142 million, primarily because of contributions from Standard & Poor's Corp., Business Week and its broadcast operations. (UPI) Bear Stearns Cos. profits in the first three months of 1992 rose 58 percent to \$91.3 million, or 84 cents a share, from \$57.7 million, or 52 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue rose 47 percent to \$531.3 million. (AP) American Airlines reported a net profit of \$20 million in the first quarter, against a loss of \$195 million a year earlier. Sales were up 26.6 percent at \$3.51 billion. (AP)

DOW: Index Surges to New Record

(Continued from first finance page) panies as Microsoft Corp. The software maker finished up \$2.2 at \$129 on news of a court ruling favoring it in its legal battle with Apple Computer Inc. Reporting a 4 percent

production increase in February and the 0.2 percent increase in March were the first back-to-back gains since last summer, manufacturing output was virtually flat last month and mining fell by 0.2 percent. The main component of the gain was a 2.1 surge in utility output boosted by a cold snap in March. Automobile production declined.

N.Y. Stocks

rise in earnings in its second quarter. Apple rose 50 cents to \$59.25. But activity was spotty and showed the fragility of this speculative market. Centocor Inc., a biotechnology stock, lost \$12 to \$19.25 after it announced that the Food and Drug Administration would not approve its flagship drug, its rival, Xoma Corp., fell \$3.75 to \$14.75 because it has a similar drug pending approval.

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Although the revised 0.5 percent

Republics May Need \$145 Billion, IMF Says

WASHINGTON — The republics of the former Soviet Union may need up to \$145 billion in foreign help over the next four years as they struggle to overhaul their economies, the head of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, said Wednesday.

The IMF's managing director said his agency stood ready to provide \$25 to \$30 billion over the next four years.

President George Bush announced earlier this month a \$24 billion international aid program for Russia this year, but Mr. Camdessus said the 14 other republics will need another \$20 billion on top of that to help with their programs of change.

He voiced confidence that the money will be

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Large table with multiple columns showing stock market data for various countries including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Madrid, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Stockholm, Toronto, Zurich, and others. Columns include index names, high, low, close, and change.

U.S. Steel Petitions Draw EC Warning

By Charles Goldsmith
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — On the eve of a crucial trip to Washington by its top officials, the European Community warned the United States on Wednesday that complaints filed by U.S. steelmakers against steel imports from the Community could severely exacerbate trade tensions.

The EC Commission said the unfair trade petitions, if upheld by U.S. officials, could lead to a renewed battle under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at a sensitive point in negotiations for a new world trade treaty.

The commission urged the United States to be "severe" in examining the complaints by two large U.S. steel companies. Those complaints, the EC executive body said, could obstruct legitimate trade and herald "a return to the practices of harassment bitterly experienced by U.S. trading partners" in the early 1980s, a period of frequent trans-Atlantic steel disputes.

The current round of GATT talks is snarled over EC-U.S. disagreements on farm subsidies. The president of the EC Commission, Jacques Delors, and Prime Minister Antonio Cavaco Silva of Portugal, which holds the rotating EC presidency, will meet President George Bush in Washington next week in what could be a make-or-break effort to resolve the world trade talks.

"At this stage there is nothing to indicate that positions have come closer together," a spokesman for Mr. Delors said Wednesday, a day

Investor's Europe

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Very briefly:

- Blue Circle Industries PLC, the cement and building materials company, said 1991 profit fell 36.3 percent to £134.2 million (\$219.8 million) from £195 million in 1990, due largely to the worldwide recession.
- Tarmac PLC, the construction and industrial minerals group, said pretax profit last year dropped 89 percent to £21.0 million from £190.7 million in 1990; Chairman Eric Fountain, responding to rumors that Tarmac is a takeover target, said no bid had yet come forward.
- Fortis PLC, the hotel and leisure group, said pretax profit fell 61.6 percent to £73 million in 1991 from £190 million the year before; it attributed the fall to the recession and the effects of the Gulf War.
- Fortis, the Belgian-Dutch banking and insurance group, reported that net profit for 1991 rose 3.7 percent to 407.7 million European currency units (\$507 million), compared with 393 million Ecu in 1990.
- Smiths Industries PLC, the aerospace, medical and industrial group, said pretax profit for the six months that ended Feb. 1 slipped to £44.3 million from £50.7 million a year earlier.
- Skandia AB, the insurance company, has agreed to reduce the scale of its bid for Hitachi A/S from 90 percent to 67 percent of equity.
- Spie-Batignolles SA, the French building company, reported a 1991 net attributable loss of 952.2 million francs (\$170.5 million), compared with a profit of 251.4 million francs the previous year.
- Lyonnaisse des Eaux-Dumez, the services and construction company, said profit fell to 1.17 billion francs last year, after 1.43 billion francs.
- ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. has paid Poland \$10.4 million for 51 percent of ELTA, the main Polish maker of transformers; it also undertook to invest \$13 million in the company over the next five years.
- The EC Commission cleared the purchase of a major stake in Banco Totta & Acores of Portugal by Banco Espanol de Credito de Spain and a group of Portuguese partners.

Fiat Reaffirms Hitachi Link

TURIN — Fiat SpA said it was going ahead with a plan to start a joint venture with a unit of Hitachi Ltd. to make earth-moving equipment, despite the withdrawal of Deere & Co. from the venture.

More German Firms Look East to Cut Costs

Richard E. Smith
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — A growing number of German companies are considering escaping the country's high wages and taxes by transferring jobs abroad, in particular to Eastern Europe, according to a survey released Wednesday by Germany's largest industrial association.

FARES: Cuts May Ground Rivals

(Continued from first finance page)

American and its deep-pocketed rivals, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines, could prove crippling to financially pressed Northwest Airlines and USAir. And it is likely to put both TWA and Continental in the intensive care unit.

SHUTOUT: Setback for UAW

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The agreement Tuesday represented a significant point in a labor dispute that has hampered wide attention.

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EBC AMRO TRADED CURRENCY FUND LIMITED
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The Directors of the above fund have declared the following final dividend per share for the financial period ended 31st March, 1992, payable on 30th April, 1992 in respect of shares in issue on 31st March, 1992.

US Dollars 0.1986 per share against coupon No. 16.

Shareholders should send their coupons to
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of DEAN WITTER WORLD WIDE INVESTMENT FUND, SICAV, will be held at its registered office in Luxembourg, 14, rue Aldringen, on April 24th, 1992 at 14:00 o'clock for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following matters:

- To hear and accept:
a) the management report of the directors
b) the report of the auditor.
- To approve the statement of assets and liabilities and statement of operations for the year ended December 31st, 1991.
- To discharge the directors and the auditor with respect of their performance of duties for the period ended December 31st, 1991.
- To elect the directors to serve until the next annual general meeting of shareholders.
- To elect the auditor to serve until the next annual general meeting of shareholders.
- Any other business.

The shareholders are advised that no quorum for the statutory general meeting is required and that decisions will be taken at the majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting.

In order to take part at the statutory meeting of April 24th, 1992, the owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days before the meeting at the registered office of the Fund, 14 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg, or with the following bank:

Banque Générale de Luxembourg S.A., 14 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg.

The Board of Directors.

NASDAQ

Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices are of U.S. stocks, New York time. The list compiled by the NYSE consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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ASIA/PACIFIC

Tokyo Nikkei 225

Day	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Wednesday, April 15, 1992	4,335.11	4,439.66	4,261.80	4,370.80	+35.99
Tuesday, April 14, 1992	4,299.81	4,394.32	4,200.00	4,334.81	+35.01
Monday, April 13, 1992	4,264.80	4,359.31	4,165.00	4,299.80	+35.00
Friday, April 10, 1992	4,229.81	4,324.32	4,130.00	4,264.81	+35.01
Thursday, April 9, 1992	4,194.80	4,289.31	4,095.00	4,229.80	+35.00
Wednesday, April 8, 1992	4,159.81	4,254.32	4,060.00	4,194.81	+35.01
Tuesday, April 7, 1992	4,124.80	4,219.31	4,025.00	4,159.80	+35.00
Monday, April 6, 1992	4,089.81	4,184.32	3,990.00	4,124.81	+35.01
Friday, April 3, 1992	4,054.80	4,149.31	3,955.00	4,089.80	+35.00
Thursday, April 2, 1992	4,019.81	4,114.32	3,920.00	4,054.81	+35.01
Wednesday, April 1, 1992	3,984.80	4,079.31	3,885.00	4,019.80	+35.00

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Creative Business

ART BUCHWALD

Hippocrates Who?

WASHINGTON — Some doctors are trying to supplement their incomes by setting up their own laboratories to perform medical tests for their patients.

There are people who think that this is a conflict of interest. And then there are others, mostly doctors, who claim that they are eliminating the middleman, Dr. Ramsdown, a very distinguished internist with an advanced degree in Remedial Mercedes-Benz.



"Sit down," Buchwald said. "You look as if you could use a blood test."

"I'm not here as a patient," I told him. "I wish to interview you about members of the medical profession who are buying private jets with the profits from their labs and clinics."

"Well, if you say that we had better give you a lie-detector test." "Do you administer lie-detector tests?"

"It's an important part of practicing medicine. You need to know if the patient is telling the truth before you hook him up to a kidney dialysis machine."

"When do you put your patients on kidney dialysis?" "During our slow season. We have to make the clinic pay for itself. If we didn't keep the dialysis machines humming all the time, we would be forced to raise the prices on our thyroid tests. We charge less for those than anyone else in town. Our policy is, if you can get a test at a lower cost at another clinic, we'll pay the difference."

"Statistics show that a doctor will prescribe more testing if he owns the labs where the tests are carried out. Do you have any response to that?"

"The people who say that have never taken the Hippocratic Oath. They don't understand that most doctors make very little on examining a patient. The big money, particularly if the patient has health insurance, comes from giving them tests. When a patient's life is at stake — let's say from some — then we must know what is causing it. That's why I always recommend a CAT scan. Those machines don't come cheap. It took 750 patients to get my CAT in the black."

"Is your X-ray equipment in the same building as your CAT scan?"

"No, that's across the street, next to the Ramsdown Joint Rehabilitation Center. I insist that all my patients spend at least two weeks there. I call it preventive medicine."

"You have built an impressive empire, doctor."

"Patients prefer doctors who can provide all the services. I had a man come in the other day who weighed 230 pounds. I enrolled him in my advanced weight-loss diet program, then performed a colostomy and finally sent him down to our Ramsdown Heavenly Spa in Florida. He has been there for two months."

"That seems like a long time." "Since he was there, I recommended that he go to our Plastic Surgery Hideaway two blocks away. Plastic surgery accounts for 37 percent of our profits."

"Have you ever had a patient who refused all the tests?"

"There was one who said that he didn't need them. So we sent him to our psychiatric mud baths at the Ramsdown Sanitarium in Delray Beach."

"Are you also involved in psychiatric testing?" "Yes, but it's a loss leader. We only provide it as a courtesy to our heart transplant patients in Schenectady."

Lloyd Webber's Canaletto

By Souren Melikian International Herald Tribune LONDON — The composer Andrew Lloyd Webber stepped in Wednesday to stop a Canaletto from leaving England. The gesture cost him £10.12 million (about \$17.8 million) at a sale of Old Masters held at Christie's.

The painting, which has been called "probably the finest view of London ever painted," is also the most expensive Canaletto ever. Completed in May or June 1749, it shows the Old Horse Guards seen from St. James's Park. Done with meticulous care for architectural detail it is an outstanding document in the history of the English capital. The Old Horse Guards was demolished a few months later.

New Russian Opera Thrives in Amsterdam

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

AMSTERDAM — What may have been the most important event in Russian operatic history since the first staged performance of Prokofiev's "Story of a Real Man" in Moscow in 1960 has just taken place — in Amsterdam.

The occasion was the world premiere of "Life With an Idiot," the first opera by Alfred Schnittke, who now lives in Hamburg, but who counts as Russia's most respected and best-known living composer.

The performance at the Netherlands Music Theater of this surrealistic, often grotesque and sexually explicit score took place Monday night in the presence of Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus and was greeted with a fervent standing ovation.

Narrated by a character known simply as "I," the libretto tells of a man guilty of some unidentified crime who is ordered by the party to bring an idiot into his home as punishment. But his idiot, Vova, soon starts disrupting his happy home. Eventually Vova seduces I's wife and then I himself. Vova kills the wife, and I winds up in the asylum, an idiot himself.

The three Americans who took the principal roles — the baritone Dale Dnesing as I, the soprano Teresa Ringholz as My Wife and the tenor Howard Haskin as Vova, the Idiot — won cheers, Dnesing especially. But the greatest applause was for Mikhail Rostropovich, who conducted, and for Schnittke. The sight of Rostropovich, who is the most fervent hugger and kisser since Leonard Bernstein, tugging the shy and back-pedaling Schnittke into the limelight created one of the sweeter curtain calls in recent operatic annals.

It was not Schnittke and Rostropovich alone who made this a significant occasion. The librettist was Viktor Yerofeyev, who based his work on his short story of the same name. Yerofeyev, who lives in Moscow, has had his first novel, "Russian Beauty," published in 25 countries.

The stage director was the 80-year-old Boris Pokrovsky, who has been associated with the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow since 1943 and was its chief stage director for 26 of those years. He is still director of the Moscow Chamber Opera, which he founded 20 years ago and for which he has staged numerous works by 20th-century Soviet and foreign composers. The director was by Ilya Khabakoz, a well-known avant-garde Russian artist.

All these talents came together because Pierre Audi, the innovative artistic director of the Netherlands Opera, "pounced" on the chance to commission the opera when he heard from the composer that he felt inspired by Yerofeyev's story. Audi brought Rostropovich on board and acceded to his wishes for the rest of the team. Rostropovich said he had been trying to collaborate with Pokrovsky for 18 years.

The premiere took place in Amsterdam, where it will play through April 30, for another reason as well. Russia long shunned Schnittke's musical progressiveness and now, when it might wish to honor him, cannot afford to do so.

There is even some thought, however,



Dale Dnesing and Howard Haskin in the world premiere of Alfred Schnittke's opera "Life With an Idiot."

that Yerofeyev's searous tale and Schnittke's biting musical satire might still be too much for Russian conservatism. "I think this opera would shock people in Russia," Yerofeyev said at the post-premiere reception. "When I wanted to do it at the Bolshoi, they told me they were too bold for it." In Russian, bolshoi means big or grand.

Yerofeyev has translated his story ingeniously to the stage, but the very act of expanding a highly literary tale into the broad gestures of opera has underscored the allegorical implications.

The libretto does contain key phrases like I's desire for "a blessed, holy-foot type abnormality, national in form and content." At the end — this is the last line of the story — he talks of "the swan song of my revolution."

Schnittke, for his part, satirizes everything in sight, including the "International" Soviet-style red is the dominant color of the production, the program book and the poster. Vova is even made up to look like Lenin.

Such hints point the viewer toward an interpretation of the opera as a critique of communism, the ordinary Russian seduced and destroyed by mindless, systematic monomania.

Marcel Proust wanders helplessly through the piece, and Yerofeyev said "he represents culture in this century, but Vova is stronger." The Dutch press has

labeled the opera "a requiem for the Soviet Union."

In an interview, Rostropovich conceded with a wink that "of course" Vova was meant to look like Lenin, adding that "I always see the history of my country in this opera."

But all the participants also wished the opera to be perceived in more universal terms than mere political satire. "Vova is also Hitler or Saddam Hussein," Rostropovich argued. "Any dictator with an idiotic fix."

Mordant skepticism has long been a part of Schnittke's musical personality, and such tendencies dominate this opera. The often dissonant music ranges from the early atonality, to raucous ensembles, to singers and choral ensembles, and instrumentalists spread about the theater, to a tango with Rostropovich at the piano, to a short but moving cello solo for the conductor, who also happens to be the world's best-known cellist.

Rostropovich and Audi even suggested that there was something inherently Russian in finding serious art funny — such as the eerie trio that ends the opera, the Wife singing ad libitum bird song, Vova howling "Ech" (the only word he ever sings) and I meandering on, as mad as Tom Rakewell at the end of Stravinsky's "Rake's Progress."

Rostropovich said that while that passage moved him to tears, Schnittke found it hilarious.

Schnittke, however, insisted that his music encompassed serious, unambiguously emotional sentiments, too. An admiring Russian composer in a recent BBC documentary film said that what made any Schnittke premiere exciting was that one never knew what kind of music one might hear.

Although his "poly-stylistic" approach constantly threatens to lose focus, Rostropovich insisted that the composer had "so strong a personality" that coherence was maintained.

Although Schnittke has had two physically debilitating strokes, one four years ago and one last June, his mind is sharp and he is pressing forward with two new operatic projects. Both are for the West, one on the Faust theme for Frankfurt and another on the life of the Renaissance composer Carlo Gesualdo for Vienna.

Neither, he said, would tap his skeptical vein in any way.

All this work, he added contentedly, will be composed in Hamburg, not Moscow. He was surrounded by Russian well-wishers at the premiere, but he has no intention of returning to Russia soon. Born in 1934 to a father born in Germany and a German-Jewish mother, he said that "I have long suffered in Russia because I have not one drop of Russian blood."

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La Scala's Musicians Mock Corps de Ballet

At Milan's famed La Scala opera house, a row has erupted between the orchestra and the corps de ballet. "It's about time we had a new orchestra which can act with decorum and dignity," the dancers' union said in a statement denouncing the musicians and musical director Riccardo Muti. The spat began during rehearsals for Natalia Makarova's ballet "Bayadere." Muti, after talking and cackling from the orchestra pit, the head of the corps de ballet sternly called for quiet. "Insists of heeding the call, the orchestra rose up in a squalid cacophony," the union said, adding, "insults and even bad words were applied to the head of the corps." The union also complained that Muti had been absent from rehearsal, saying that he must have had more pressing responsibilities, such as "talking to the mass media."

A music teacher has retracted allegations the New Kids on the Block lip-synched. He dropped a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against the popular singing group's producer, Greg McPherson, had alleged in January that New Kids lip-synched during concerts and on albums, but withdrew those charges following a resolution of his suit against Maurice Starr. Starr hinted that an undisclosed sum was involved in their reaching a resolution of the suit out of court.

Hotel queen Lesma Helmsley, 71, reported to prison Wednesday before dawn to begin serving a four-year sentence for tax evasion. She flew by private jet to Louisville, Kentucky, where she surrendered at the minimum-security Federal Medical Center for women. Warren Margaret C. Hambrick said Helmsley's background in hotel management might qualify her to mop floors or wash bedsheets.

The Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, 83, has been awarded a special Erasmus Prize for his work in tracking down war criminals. The standard Erasmus award went to Spain's General Archive of the Indies, which has researched and documented Spain's colonial history since it was founded in 1785. The Japanese architect Tadao Ando, 50, is the first recipient of the \$235,000 Carlsberg Architectural Prize.

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